

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A vehicle seat and headrest assembly, comprising:
a seatback frame;
a headrest assembly having a cushion portion and an impact target, wherein the headrest assembly is rotatably connected to the seatback frame, and wherein a rearward force upon the impact target causes the cushion portion to rotate forwardly;
a headrest assembly biasing member operatively connected to the headrest assembly and the seatback frame for biasing the headrest assembly against rotational movement; and
a locking mechanism operatively connected to the headrest assembly and the seatback frame, the locking mechanism movable between an unlocked position wherein the headrest assembly is permitted to rotate, and a locked position wherein the headrest assembly is prevented from rotating.
2. The vehicle seat and headrest assembly according to Claim 1, wherein removal of the rearward force upon the impact target causes the cushion portion to rotate rearwardly.
3. The vehicle seat and headrest assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the locking mechanism includes a plurality of locked positions.
4. The vehicle seat and headrest assembly according to Claim 1, wherein when the locking mechanism is in the locked position the headrest assembly is prevented from rotating rearwardly.